

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

In reply to the Examiner's requirement of a new title, the title has been changed to
--COMPONENT MOUNTING METHOD--.

The specification and abstract have been reviewed and revised to make editorial changes thereto and generally improve the form thereof, and a substitute specification and abstract are provided. No new matter has been added by the substitute specification and abstract.

Claims 35-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention; claims 35-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP '995; claim 39 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '995; and claims 40-42 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

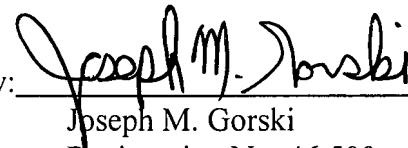
Accordingly, without acquiescing to the appropriateness of the prior art rejections issued by the Examiner, and solely to further advance prosecution of this application, by the current Amendment, claims 25-47 have been canceled and claims 48-50 have been added. New claim 48 corresponds to allowable claim 40 rewritten in independent form, and new claims 49 and 50 correspond to former claims 41 and 42, respectively. Please note that new claims 48-50 have been drafted taking into account the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, issues raised by the Examiner, are believed to be free of these issues, and are otherwise believed to be in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, with the allowed claims being 48-50, and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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